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Developed Polaris

Adm. Raborn Named Director of CIA

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JOHNSON CITY, Texas, April 12 — President Johnson has abruptly ended months of futile speculation by naming retired rear Adm. William F. Raborn Jr., the father of the Navy's Polaris missile system, as the new director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The President made the announcement here as Raborn, a sprightly, red-headed Texan, stood by his side. The President also promoted Richard McGarrah Helms, deputy CIA director for plans, to be Raborn's No. 2 man.

John A. McCone, the present director of the nation's push-hush super spy agency, has been eager to return to his extensive private business enterprises for nearly a year.

MR. JOHNSON brought Raborn, 60, to a brief ceremony marking the signing of the \$1.3 billion education bill outside a galvanized tin-covered structure which was once the one-room school house where the President learned his ABC's. After the ceremony, the President pulled a slip of paper from his pocket and read the announcement of Raborn's appointment to reporters.

Raborn's selection fits the pattern of recent Johnson appointments. It was a complete surprise; Raborn's name had never figured in prominent speculation. Raborn has a reputation of being the kind of tough, efficient, brilliant, but compassionate man the President

recently a vice president for Aerojet General Corporation, which is owned by Daniel Kimball, a financier who underwrote the Democratic National Convention in 1960. And, last but not least, Raborn is known as a man who gets things done.

RABORN IS famed as the director of development of the Navy's Polaris, an intermediate ballistic missile which can be fired from a submerged submarine. He developed the Polaris while director of the Navy's Special Projects Office. When he retired in 1962, Raborn was deputy chief of research for operations. Raborn now lives in Pasadena, Calif., is married and has two children.

Raborn, who was born in Decatur, Tex., claims distant kinship to the late Speaker Sam Rayburn, despite the difference in the spelling of the names. Raborn has known President Johnson for several years, and he was a friend of the Speaker's as well.

Raborn was graduated from the Naval Academy at Annapolis, and served as a command officer in the Pacific in World War II. He is a holder of the Silver Star for gallantry and the Distinguished Service Medal.



ADM. RABORN
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